

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to the parent International application and to add appropriate section headings. In addition, the references to the claims in the Summary section have been replaced with the text of the original claims. No new matter has been added.

New claims 11-30 are submitted herewith for examination and replace original claims 1-10, which have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing at a later time.

Support for the new claims in the original description and the original claims is identified as follows:

Claim 11, 21: Original claims 1, 6 and 9

Claim 12, 22: Original claim 3

Claims 13, 23: Page 3, line 32 to page 4, line 3 of the English translation of the PCT application

Claims 14, 24: Original claim 7

Claims 15, 18, 25, 28: Original claim 8

Claims 16, 19, 26, 29: Original claim 10

Claims 17, 20, 27, 30: Original claim 9

Additional support is provided by the specification and figures and can be identified, if necessary.

**Conclusion**

Entry of the above amendments and an early and favorable first action on the merits are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott T. Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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